

Ad-Hoc Dashboard/Benchmark Committee
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
Regular Meeting
7:30 P.M. February 19, 2014

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairwoman Rupa Datta called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

In Attendance: Rupa Datta, Bob Spatz, Dr. Al Roberts, Dr. Felicia Starks Turner, Jim O'Connor, Amber Stitzel Pareja, Denis Roarty, Gudelia Lopez, Rebecca Kaegi, Lou Anne Johannesson (secretary)

Absent: Harla Hutchinson

2. Review of previous meeting minutes

Chairwoman Datta asked all members to review the minutes from January. Member Stitzel Pareja made a motion to adopt the January minutes. Member Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Update from 5Essentials meeting

Chairwoman Datta reported that the committee hosted a public event on January 29th, 2014 on the subject of the 5Essentials Survey. She asked if any members had any follow up comments. Member O'Connor stated that he had the power to share with committee members. He recommended that the district participate in the survey this spring. Member Spatz stated that taking the survey takes time and that consideration should be made to the teachers being swamped, and that it may not be the proper time to give teachers an additional task. Dr. Roberts stated that districts 90 and 200 have opted out of participating in this year's survey. He agreed with Member Spatz that the teachers already have a lot on their plates. He further stated that a final decision on the matter has not yet been reached. He stated that he is not necessarily against the survey itself, but that he does have questions about it. He stated that after the results are issued, the district only has three months to deal with the matter of perception. He reported that he will know more in a week or so. Member Spatz said the students' time needs to also be a consideration. Member Spatz stated that the timing may not be good to do the survey this school year. Member Kaegi suggested participation every other year. Member O'Connor agreed that the teachers do have quite a lot on their plates and that clearly the survey requires time for them to participate. He gave three reasons as to why the district should participate each year.

- It is high functioning and gets good data on issues that are not just student academic achievement. He stated that the 5Essentials gets the committee a lot of data to fill the purple section of the dashboard.
- Oak Park is one of the most educated populaces in the country. He expects the community would want as much data as possible. Good data is the expectation of our community.
- It would provide baseline data for future use. He stated that the district currently has no baseline data.

4. Discussion of possible domains for tracking by the District 97 Board

Chairwoman Datta stated that the committee needs to finalize what the committee will be putting in front of the board in print, and also the logistics of the presentation itself. In terms of the content of the presentation, she said the focus should be on the domains, and to inform the board that the committee will develop measures after the domains have been approved. Member Spatz said it would be useful to have “next steps” to share with the board, and to let them know when the next steps can be expected. Member O’Connor asked why the 5Essentials can’t be used in the “Conditions for Learning” section of the dashboard. Member Lopez stated that not everything directly translates. The committee had a lengthy discussion on whether or not to use the 5Essentials in that section. Chairwoman Datta suggested that the matter could be revisited but that the task at hand is to finalize the domains. Member Spatz commented that he has never seen a construct like this before and that it may take awhile to complete and that the committee can continually improve it, but for now the domains must be finalized.

Member Kaegi asked how the committee will present examples of the measures to the board. The committee decided to present a “cover letter” with some examples and with three questions:

- 1) Are these domains appropriate for inclusion in a district dashboard?
- 2) Are there additional domains which should be included?
- 3) Does the organization of the domains make sense?

The committee then discussed edits and revisions and Member Lopez made the changes during that time. She will send the final copy to Chairwoman Datta for review and then to Ms. Johannesson, who will get it to the board secretary. A decision was made as to what the logistics of the presentation will be. Chairwoman Datta will start with an introduction of the process the committee has followed to produce the draft. Member Lopez will discuss the content and then the committee members present will answer the board’s questions.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Johannesson
Secretary